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### HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

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Offices of the Corporation,  
No. 1, Queen's Road East.  
Hongkong, August 16, 1877.

## To Let.

AN OFFICE TO LET.  
Apply to LANDSTEIN & Co.  
Hongkong, September 15, 1877.

## TO LET.

NOS. 4, and 5, PROHIM TERRACE, ELGIN STREET.  
Apply to LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.  
Hongkong, July 30, 1877.

## TO LET.

HOUSE No. 9, Queen's Road Central, with Godowns attached.  
House Nos. 2 and 3, Pedder's Hill.  
"Bianee Villa," Pok-foo-lum, Furnished.  
DAVID SARNOON, SONS & Co.  
Hongkong, January 4, 1878.

## TO LET.

THE Dwelling House and Offices No. 1, D'Aguilar Street, lately in the occupation of Messrs DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co. Three Offices, in Club Chambers, The Dwelling House No. 1, Alexandra Terrace.  
Apply to DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co.  
Hongkong, January 9, 1878.

## For Sale.

### NOW READY.

A CHINESE DICTIONARY IN THE CANTONESE DIALECT. Part I, A to K, with Introduction. Royal 8vo, pp. 302.—By ERNEST JOHN EITEL, Ph.D., Tubingen.  
Price: Two Dollars and a Half.  
To be had from Messrs LANE, CRAWFORD & Co., Hongkong and Shanghai; and Messrs KELLY & WATSON, Shanghai.  
Hongkong, February 8, 1877.

## COAL.

BEST QUALITY CARDIFF STEAM COAL for Sale, ex Godown.  
Apply to BATTLES & Co.  
Hongkong, December 3, 1877.

## WASHING BOOKS.

(In English and Chinese.)  
WASHBURN'S BOOKS, for the use of Ladies and Gentlemen, are now ready at this Office.—Price, \$1 each.  
CHINA MAIL OFFICE.

## For Sale.

### LAMBERT, ATKINSON & CO. HAVE FOR SALE.

A LARGE ASSORTMENT OF AMERICAN COOKING & PARLOUR STOVES.

TENDERS and FIRE IRONS.  
Superior California LAMBSWOOL BLANKETS.  
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CROSBY & BLACKWELL'S OILMAN'S STORES, of every kind; Fresh Supplies received by every Steamer.  
CLARET in Cases (BANDOL), Superior Quality.  
BARCLAY PERRIN'S PORTER, in Hogsheads and Kilderkins.  
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BASS PALE ALE, Bottled by CAMERON and SAUNDERS, in Pints and Quarts.  
&c., &c., &c.  
Hongkong, January 3, 1878.

## Notices of Firms.

NOTICE.  
MR. HORATIO GAY JAMES was admitted a Partner in our Firm on the 1st January, 1878.  
GEO. R. STEVENS & Co.  
Hongkong, January 5, 1878.

NOTICE.  
THE Business hitherto conducted in my name will from this Date be carried on under the Style of GROSSMANN & Co., Mr. G. A. GROSSMANN having become a Partner therein.  
G. F. GROSSMANN.  
Hongkong, January 1, 1878. fe2

NOTICE.  
MR. BERNHARD SCHMACKER is authorized to Sign our Firm by procuration.  
CARLOWITZ & Co.  
Canton, Hongkong, Shanghai, January 1, 1878. fe2

NOTICE.  
MR. H. F. MEYERINK has been admitted a Partner in our Firm from this Date.  
MEYER & Co.  
Hongkong, January 1, 1878. ap2

NOTICE.  
THE Interest and Responsibility of Mr. JOSEPH PERROTT BARNES in our Firm in China CEASES from this Date.  
HOLLIDAY, WISE & Co.  
Hongkong, December 31, 1877. ja81

NOTICE.  
MR. CHARLES DAVID BOTTOMLEY was admitted a Partner in our Firm on the 1st July, 1877.  
DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co.  
Hongkong, September 22, 1877.

NOTICE.  
I HAVE This Day established myself at this Port as a MERCHANT and COMMISSION AGENT, under the Style or Firm of GEO. R. STEVENS & Co., who will henceforward conduct the Agency of the AUSTRALASIAN STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.  
G. R. STEVENS.  
Hongkong, December 28, 1877.

NOTICE.  
I HAVE This Day Established myself at this Port as a GENERAL COMMISSION AGENT.  
J. Y. VERNON SHAW.  
Hongkong, November 1, 1877. my1

NOTICE.  
I HAVE This Day Established myself at this Port, under the Style or Firm, WEST POINT IRON WORKS, ENGINEERS and BOILERMAKERS, at WILLIAM DUNPHY & Co., Late Manager of the NORTON IRON WORKS, Hongkong.  
Wm. DUNPHY.  
Hongkong, December 10, 1877. ja18

## Intimations.

### LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.

PARCELS EXPRESS AGENCY, in connection with WHEATLEY & Co., LONDON. Packages Received for transmission to Great Britain by each P. & O. Mail; Charges can be Collected either here or in England. The following particulars of Packages are required.—Contents, Value, Address of Consignee, and whether Insurance be desired.

SPECIAL ORDER DEPARTMENT.—Orders Received and Promptly Executed, for Books, Scientific Instruments, and European Goods of any Description.

### LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.,

General Agents.

Hongkong, January 14, 1878.

### HONGKONG, CANTON, AND MACAO STEAMBOAT COMPANY, LIMITED.

COMMENCING TO-DAY, the Macao Steamer will leave Hongkong at 2 p.m., and Macao at 8 a.m.  
By Order, P. A. DA COSTA, Secretary.  
Hongkong, January 14, 1878. ja17

### HONGKONG, CANTON, AND MACAO STEAMBOAT COMPANY, LIMITED.

#### NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE Twenty-third Ordinary Half-yearly MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in the Company will be Held at the Office of the Company, No. 50 A, Queen's Road, on FRIDAY, the 25th January Instant, at 3 o'clock in the Afternoon, for the purpose of receiving a Report of the Directors, together with a Statement of Accounts, declaring a Dividend and electing a Director and Auditors.

By Order of the Board of Directors, P. A. DA COSTA, Secretary.  
Hongkong, January 2, 1878. ja25

### HONGKONG, CANTON, AND MACAO STEAMBOAT COMPANY, LIMITED.

#### NOTICE.

THE Transfer BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 12th to the 25th day of January Instant, both days inclusive.  
By Order of the Board of Directors, P. A. DA COSTA, Secretary.  
Hongkong, January 2, 1878. ja25

### HONGKONG HOTEL COMPANY, LIMITED.

THE Ordinary Half-yearly MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the Hotel on FRIDAY, the 25th January Instant, at 4 o'clock in the Afternoon, for the purpose of receiving a Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts.

By Order of the Board of Directors, LOUIS HAUSCHILD, Secretary.  
Hongkong, January 4, 1878. ja28

### HONGKONG HOTEL COMPANY, LIMITED.

THE Transfer BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 12th to the 25th day of January Instant, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors, LOUIS HAUSCHILD, Secretary.  
Hongkong, January 4, 1878. ja28

### THE HONGKONG HOTEL.

TENDERS are invited for a LEASE of the HONGKONG HOTEL, the present Five-yearly Lease expiring on the 31st August, 1878. SEALED TENDERS to be sent in on or before the 31st March, 1878, to the Secretary of the Hongkong Hotel Company, Limited, who will supply any information required.

By Order of the Directors, LOUIS HAUSCHILD, Secretary.  
Hongkong, September 14, 1877. ap1

## Intimations.

### G. FALCONER & Co., WATCH AND CHRONOMETER MANUFACTURERS, AND JEWELLERS.

NAUTICAL INSTRUMENTS, CHARTS AND BOOKS.  
46, Queen's Road Central, Hongkong, August 20, 1877. fe20

## Shipping.

### Steamers.

FOR SWATOW, AMOY & FOOSHOW. The Steamship "TAIWAN," Captain M. YOUNG, will be despatched for the above Ports on THURSDAY, the 17th Instant, at Day-light.

For Freight or Passage, apply to DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co. Hongkong, January 14, 1878. ja17

### FOR HOIHOW & HAIPHONG.

The Steamship "ALBA," Capt. F. ANTON, will be despatched for the above Ports, on THURSDAY, the 17th Instant, at Day-light.

For Freight or Passage, apply to DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co. Hongkong, January 14, 1877. ja17

### FOR MANILA.

The Steamship "ESMERALDA," will be despatched for the above Port on SATURDAY, the 19th Instant, at Noon.

For Freight or Passage, apply to J. Y. V. SHAW, Agent. Hongkong, January 15, 1878. ja19

### FOR YOKOHAMA & HIOGO.

The Steamship "GALLEY OF LORNE," expected from SINGAPORE, will have immediate despatch as above.

For Freight or Passage, apply to JARDINE, MATHESON & Co. Hongkong, January 10, 1878.

## Sailing Vessels.

### FOR HAMBURG (DIRECT.)

The A 1 German Bark "JURGEN," WENDT, Master, will load here and meet with quick despatch as above.

For Freight, apply to SIEMSEN & Co. Hongkong, December 23, 1877.

### FOR NAGASAKI.

The A 1 American Barkentine "ANNIE S. HALL," NELSON, Master, will load for the above Port, and will have immediate despatch.

For Freight, apply to VOGEL, HAGEDORN & Co. Hongkong, January 5, 1878.

### FOR NEW YORK.

The A 1 American Barkentine "MARION," R. HOWES, Master, will load here for the above Port, and will have immediate despatch.

For Freight, apply to VOGEL, HAGEDORN & Co. Hongkong, January 3, 1878.

### FOR NEW YORK.

The A 1 American Bark "E. F. WATSON," HAWKINS, Master, will load here for the above Port, and will have quick despatch.

For Freight, apply to VOGEL, HAGEDORN & Co. Hongkong, January 3, 1878.

### FOR SAN FRANCISCO.

The A 1 British Clipper Ship "OLYMPIUS," SHENSWORTH, Master, will load here for the above Port, and will have quick despatch.

For Freight, apply to VOGEL, HAGEDORN & Co. Hongkong, December 23, 1877.

### FOR HAMBURG AND LONDON.

The A 1 British Ship "ONIDA," S. OLIVA, Master, having 3/4ths of her Cargo engaged, will load here as above, and will be despatched on or about the 31st December.

For Freight, apply to VOGEL, HAGEDORN & Co. Hongkong, November 27, 1877.

## Shipping.

### Sailing Vessels.

#### FOR HAMBURG.

The A 1 Clipper Bark "GOLDEN RUSSETT," RICHARDSON, Master, will have quick despatch as above.

For Freight, apply to Wm. PUSTAU & Co., Agents. Hongkong, November 23, 1877.

#### FOR LONDON.

The 100 A 1 British Ship "BROOMHALL," H. BATE, Master, will load here and have quick despatch.

For Freight, apply to MEYER & Co. Hongkong, January 7, 1878.

## Notices to Consignees.

### GERMAN STEAMER GALATHEA.

BEHNS, Master, FROM HAMBURG, PENANG AND SINGAPORE.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo by the above Steamer are hereby informed, that their Goods are being landed and stored at their risk in the Godowns of the Undersigned, from whence delivery may be obtained. Consignees wishing to take delivery of their Goods from the Boats alongside the Wharf are at liberty to do so. Goods remaining in store after the 17th Instant will be subject to rent. No Fire Insurance has been effected. Optional Cargo will be forwarded, unless written notice to the contrary is given until To-morrow, the 11th Inst., at 11 a.m. Bills of Lading will be countersigned by Wm. PUSTAU & Co., Agents. Hongkong, January 10, 1878. ja17

## NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

### P. & O. S. N. Co.'s S. S. MONGOLIA.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo by the above-named Vessel, from Bombay and Intermediate Ports, and in connection with the Steamers FENSAWUR from London, and HINDOSTAN from Calcutta, are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed and stored at their risk in the Company's Godowns, at West Point, whence delivery can be obtained from this date. Goods not delivered by the 22nd Instant will be subject to rent.

#### ADAM LIND,

Superintendent.

Hongkong, January 15, 1878. ja20

### FROM LONDON AND PORTS OF CALL.

THE S. S. Cyphres having arrived, Consignees of Cargo by her are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed at their risk and stored in the Godowns of the Undersigned, whence and/or from the Wharf or Boats delivery may be obtained. Cargo remaining undelivered after the 21st Instant will be subject to rent. Optional Cargo will be sent on to Shanghai, unless notice to the contrary is given by 4 p.m. To-day. No Fire Insurance has been effected. Bills of Lading will be countersigned by GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co., Agents, S. S. Cyphres. Hongkong, January 14, 1878. ja21

### CONSIGNEES of Cargo per Norwegian Bark VEGA, NORSTROM, Master.

from HAMBURG, are requested to take immediate delivery of their Goods from alongside the Vessel. Cargo impeding the discharge will be landed and stored at Consignees' risk and expense. Bills of Lading will be countersigned by Wm. PUSTAU & Co., Agents. Hongkong, January 8, 1878.

### COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

#### S. S. SINDH.

#### NOTION.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo per S. S. Indus, from London, in connection with the above Steamer, are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed and stored at their risk at the Company's Godowns, whence delivery may be obtained immediately after landing. Optional Cargo will be forwarded on, unless intimation is received from the Consignees, before To-morrow, the 10th Inst., at Noon, requesting it to be landed here. Bills of Lading will be countersigned by the Undersigned. Goods remaining undelivered after Wednesday, the 16th January, 1878, at Noon, will be subject to rent and landing charges. No Fire Insurance has been effected. H. DE PONT, Agent. Hongkong, January 9, 1878.



## Intimations.

**AFONG,**  
PHOTOGRAPHER,  
by appointment, to  
H. E. SIR ARTHUR KENNEDY,  
GOVERNOR OF HONGKONG;  
and to  
H. I. H. THE GRAND DUKE ALEXIS  
OF RUSSIA.

Wynham Street, formerly ATHLETIC CLUB,  
HAS on hand the Largest and Best  
collection of Views of China, Pho-  
tographic Albums, Frames, Cases, &c., of  
assorted sizes. Ex S.S. *Tigre*, Revolving  
Standard Albums, Armorial Monograms  
and Postage Stamp Albums, Russia Leather,  
Velvet and carved-wood Albums, Cases and  
Frames, also Albums for Cabinet Portraits  
only, Portraits of the Generals of the pre-  
sent Russo-Turkish War, Excellent British  
Statuettes, the two Chinese Ambassadors,  
in Cabinet and Carte de Visite sizes  
Coloured Portraits of English Ladies.  
Hongkong, August 24, 1877.

**KWONG HING CHEUNG & Co.,**  
COAL MERCHANTS,  
Have always on hand for Sale every  
description of COAL at Moderate Prices.  
Mr. ANSON has been appointed Manager,  
and all Orders addressed to him at 67,  
Praya, or to Mr. FAR JAC, at 30, Hing  
Lung Street, will receive immediate atten-  
tion.  
Hongkong, March 19, 1877. mel9

## To-day's Advertisements.

**FOR HAIPHONG (DIRECT.)**  
The Steamship  
"HOLYROOD,"  
J. PETER, Master, will be de-  
parted for the above Port  
on FRIDAY, the 18th instant, at 5 p.m.  
For Freight or Passage, apply to  
BIEMSEN & Co.  
Hongkong, January 16, 1878. jal8

## Not Responsible for Debts.

Neither the Captain, the Agents, nor  
Owners will be Responsible for any  
Debt contracted by the Officers or Crew  
of the following Vessels, during their stay  
in Hongkong Harbour:—

FORMOSA, German 8-m. schooner, Capt.  
Schweizer. —Melchers & Co.  
ANNIE S. HALL, American barque, Capt.  
Chas. H. Nelson. —Captain.  
BIRKEN, British ship, Captain W. Rey-  
nolds. —Order.  
GLENNFUT, British barque, Capt. Lang.  
—Chinasee.

YESTA, German barque, Capt. R. Dirks.  
—Melchers & Co.  
R. O. RICKMERS, German ship, Captain  
R. O. Stolt. —Wm. Pustau & Co.

PRATON, British barque, Captain H. D.  
W. Schulz. —Wideler & Co.

ADRIANA & MARIANNE, German barque,  
Captain C. N. Dahl. —Wm. Pustau & Co.

WARRIOR, British barque, Capt. William  
Baumann. —Wideler & Co.

QUICKSTEP, American barque, Captain  
Barnaby. —Captain.

TARTAR, German brig, Captain Kaemena.  
—Melchers & Co.

MARCOA, British steamer, Capt. J. H.  
Brooker. —Stemmen & Co.

VELOCITY, British barque, Captain R.  
Martin. —Wm. Pustau & Co.

ABERNETHY, British barque, Captain  
Congour. —Order.

## SHIPPING.

## ARRIVALS.

Jan. 16, *Abernethy*, British barque, 728  
Cargoes, Liverpool July 13, Coal.—  
ORDER.

Jan. 16, G. H. Wappius, German ship,  
from Whampoa.

Jan. 16, *Antipodes*, British barque, from  
Whampoa.

## DEPARTURES.

Jan. 16, *Christina*, for Whampoa.

16, *Thing Thing*, Ohl. g.b., for a  
cruise.

16, Bombay, for Yokohama.

16, *Cyprien*, for Shanghai.

## CLEARED.

*Alexandria*, for Chetco.  
R. O. Rickmers, for Diamond Island.  
Birker, for Manila.

Taiwan, for Coast Ports.  
Washi, for Haiphong.

Cassandru, for Saigon.

Bonar, for Whampoa.

St. Andrews, for San Francisco.

*Sophie D.*, for Hilo.

## PASSENGERS.

Per *Bombay*, for Yokohama, Mrs Wood  
and infant, Messrs P. Howard, Lim Poh  
and Sing Koye.

## TO DEPART.

Per *Geelong*, from Shanghai, for South-  
ampton, Mr W. A. Paynter, from Yoko-  
hama, for Southampton, Mrs Hartley, 3  
children and nat. female servant, and Mrs  
Emile, for Brindisi, Mr A. C. Mackay,  
from Hongkong, for Suez, Mr O. L.  
Phillips, for Southampton, Mr H. Roper,  
for Madeira, 8 gun lascart.

Per *Taiwan*, for Coast Ports, 200 Chi-  
nese.

Per *Washi*, for Haiphong, 2 Europeans,  
and 50 Chinese.

## SHIPPING REPORTS.

## Notes.

**CARGO.**  
Per S. S. *Geelong*, for London, 5,625  
boxes, 101 half-chests and 380 pkgs Tea,  
200 bales Raw Silk, 35 bales Waste Silk,  
29 cases Silk Piece Goods, and 156 pkgs.  
Burdies; for Continent, 147 bales Raw  
Silk, 8 cases Silk Piece Goods, 125 bales  
Cocoons, 8 bales Waste Silk, and 33 pkgs.  
Burdies; for Boston, 473 boxes, 206 half-  
pkgs and 21 pkgs. Tea.

## POST OFFICE NOTIFICATIONS.

## MAILS will close:—

For HOIHOW and HAIPHONG, with  
Mails for Pakhoi and Hanoi.—  
Per *Albat*, at 8.30 p.m. To-morrow, the  
17th inst., instead of as previously  
notified.

For MANILA.—  
Per ship *Birker*, at 4 p.m. To-morrow,  
the 17th inst.

For HAIPHONG and HANOI.—  
Per *Zamboanga*, at 4.30 p.m., on Thurs-  
day, the 17th inst.

For SWATOW.—  
Per *Norma*, at 5 p.m. To-morrow, the  
17th inst.

For HAIPHONG & HANOI.—  
Per *Washi*, at 5 p.m. To-morrow, the  
17th inst., instead of as previously  
notified.

Per *Holyrood*, at 4.30 p.m., on Friday,  
the 18th inst.

For MANILA.—  
Per *Emeralda*, at 4 p.m., on Saturday,  
the 19th inst.

MAILS BY THE ENGLISH PACKET.—  
The English Contract Packet *GREENGL*  
will be despatched with the Mails for  
Europe, &c., on THURSDAY, the  
17th instant.

The following will be the hours of closing  
the Mails, &c.:—

Wednesday, 18th instant.—  
5 p.m., Money Order Office closes.  
6 p.m., Post Office closes except the Night  
Box, which remains open all night.

Thursday, 17th instant.—  
7 a.m., Post Office opens for sale  
of Stamps, Registry of Letters, and  
Posting of all correspondence.

10 a.m., Post Office closes except for Late  
Letters. Registry of Letters ceases.

10.15 a.m., Letters may be posted with  
Late Box of 18 cents extra  
Postage till

11 a.m., when the Post Office Closes  
entirely.

11.30 a.m., Letters (but Letters only)  
addressed to the United Kingdom  
Via Brindisi, or to Singapore, may  
be posted on board the Packet with  
Late Fee of 48 cents extra postage,  
till

11.50 a.m., when the Mail is finally  
closed.

Hongkong, January 7, 1878. jal7

## MAILS BY THE UNITED STATES PACKET.

The United States Mail Packet City  
of Peking will be despatched on SATUR-  
DAY, the 19th instant, with Mails  
for Japan, San Francisco, and the  
United States, which will be closed as  
follows:—

11 a.m. Registry of Letters ceases.

11.30 a.m. Post-Office closes, but Letters  
(except for Non-Union Countries) may  
be posted on board the Packet with  
Late Fee of 18 cents extra Postage  
until the time of departure.

Correspondence for Non-Union West Indies  
(except the Bahamas and Hayti), Costa  
Rica, Honduras, Monte Video, New  
Granada, Paraguay, and Uruguay can  
no longer be sent by this route.

Hongkong, January 12, 1878. jal9

## MAILS BY THE FRENCH PACKET.

The French Contract Packet *TIGRE* will  
be despatched from Hongkong on  
THURSDAY, the 24th inst. with  
Mails to and through the United  
Kingdom and Europe, via Mar-  
seilles; to Saigon, Singapore, Bata-  
via, Galle, Australia, New Zea-  
land, Tasmania, Fiji, Aden, Sey-  
chelles, Réunion, Mauritius, Suez,  
and Alexandria. This is the best  
opportunity for forwarding Corre-  
spondence to E. Africa, the Cape,  
St. Helena, and Australia.

Letters may also be forwarded to INDIA  
by this Packet but can be paid only  
as far as Ceylon. The postage to  
Ceylon must be prepaid. Such let-  
ters should be marked *Post to Galle*  
only; they will go on from Galle as  
unpaid.

The following will be the hours of closing  
the Mails, &c.:—

Wednesday, 23rd inst.—  
5 p.m., Money Order Office closes. Post  
Office closes except the Night Box,  
which remains open all night.

Thursday, 24th inst.—  
7 a.m., Post Office opens for sale of  
Stamps, Registry of Letters, and  
Posting of all correspondence.

10 a.m., Registry of Letters ceases.

11 a.m., Post Office closes except for Late  
Letters.

11.10 a.m., Letters (but Letters only)  
except those sent through *Australia*,  
may be posted on payment of a  
Late Fee of 18 cents extra postage,  
till

11.30 a.m., when the Post Office Closes  
entirely.

Hongkong, January 10, 1878. jal24

## MEMOS FOR TO-MORROW.

## Shipping.

Daylight.—*Taiwan* leaves for Coast Ports.

Daylight.—*Albat* leaves for Haiphong, &c.

Noon.—English Mail leaves for Ports  
of Call and Europe.

Goods per *Galates* undelivered after this  
date subject to rent.

## General Memoranda.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 18:—

5 p.m.—*Holyrood* leaves for Haiphong.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 19:—

Noon.—American Mail leaves for Yoko-  
hama and San Francisco.

Noon.—*Emeralda* leaves for Manila.

MONDAY, JANUARY 21:—

Goods per *Cyprien* undelivered after  
this date subject to rent.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 22:—

Goods per *Mongolia* undelivered after  
this date subject to rent.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 25:—

8 p.m.—Meeting of Shareholders of the  
H. O. & M. Steamboat Co., Limited,  
at No. 50 A, Queen's Road.

4 p.m.—Meeting of Shareholders of the  
H. K. Hotel Co., Limited, at Hong-  
kong Hotel.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 1:—

3 p.m.—Occidental & Oriental S. S. Co.'s  
Steamer leaves for Yokohama and San  
Francisco.

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## THE CHINA MAIL.

HONGKONG, WEDNESDAY, JAN. 16, 1878.

THE last but probably, to Hongkong  
readers, the most interesting report in  
the bulky volume of trade reports just  
issued by order of the Inspector General  
of Customs, is that of Mr. Edward  
McKean, the Acting Commissioner of  
Customs at Haiphong. We have described  
the report as the most interesting one  
to Hongkong readers, because this  
Colony will no doubt be chiefly con-  
cerned in the development of the trade  
of the Island, and so very little has  
been made known up to the present  
moment either in regard to what has  
actually been done in the way of trade  
there since the port was opened to  
foreigners, or the commercial prospects  
of the place. As the place was only  
opened on the 1st April in 1876, Mr.  
McKean's report only extends over a  
period of nine months, to the end of the  
year. The Acting Commissioner deals  
in the first place with the question of  
the accessibility of the harbour, and it  
is satisfactory to learn that the notions  
prevailing at the opening of the port as  
to the risks of entering the harbour were  
in the main incorrect. This is what  
Mr. McKean says on the point:—

There is no danger or difficulty in entering  
the port from the west, beyond what may be  
occasioned by a very strong current. From  
the east, however, it would be still premature  
to say that access is easy for all kinds of  
vessels. It has been demonstrated that  
more than one channel, both deep and wide  
and well defined, exists, and that the con-  
tinuous lines of sandbanks which for so long  
were believed to block up the entrance of  
the Hainan Straits on the east do not  
generally exist. That some sandbanks  
exist, is undoubted, but vessels have gone  
straight out to sea from Hainan Head  
without crossing shoals, and have made for  
the same place in coming to the port without  
incurring what the captains believed to be  
undue risks. There exists, some five miles  
to the north of the Tays Islands, which are,  
I understand, very conspicuous, a channel,  
round about it is true, but safe and spacious,  
and as easily found as any route of the kind  
can be. I am incompetent to describe the  
channel, but I trust that in due time a  
chart of it will be forthcoming for the infor-  
mation of shipmasters.

The *Washi* and the *Eastern Isles* seem  
to have been the only vessels that called  
at the port until the end of June, but  
after that month other and larger  
steamers made their way thither. Alto-  
gether during the nine months there  
entered and cleared 88 steamships of  
18,883 tons total capacity. The most  
valuable item in the import trade was  
opium, of which 621 pounds were im-  
ported. This commodity pays a total  
taxation of Tls. 50 a pound, the whole  
being levied as soon as the opium is  
landed. There is no transit duty. The  
value of the opium imported is estimated  
at Tls. 195,280; that of other foreign  
imports, chiefly cotton goods, at Tls.  
108,585; and that of the native imports  
at Tls. 64,483, making a total valuation  
of Tls. 368,351. The staple of the ex-  
port trade is sugar, the quantity ex-  
ported in foreign vessels during the nine  
months having amounted to 93,141  
piculs, nearly the whole of which came  
to Hongkong. About 60,000 piculs are  
also estimated to have been exported in

junks. A local official had estimated the  
annual export of sugar from the opposite  
peninsula of Leichow at 140,000 piculs  
in a good season, and Mr. McKean thinks  
that in time all the sugar, not only of  
the opposite peninsula but of the out-  
ports of the island will leave Haiphong  
in steamers to the detriment of the junk  
trade. Besides sugar there is a very  
extensive cultivation of ground-nuts,  
with the consequent manufacture of  
betel-nuts, sesamum seed, lung-nangs,  
and hemp. The value of the entire export  
trade, as done by foreign vessels, is  
estimated at Tls. 318,498.

The only foreign firm established at  
Haiphong in 1876 was that of Mr. E.  
Horton, a British subject. The Chinese  
merchants, by whom almost all the trade  
was done, were organised as a body into  
a kind of Chamber of Commerce, and  
met in a large building to settle market  
prices. In regard to the boat people,  
and the coolies, Mr. McKean makes the  
following interesting observations.

THE BOAT PEOPLE.—The boats here, than  
which it would be hard to find vessels better  
suited to ply between the town and the an-  
chorage, number about 140, and are roughly  
divisible into three classes, those of about  
110 piculs, those of about 60 piculs and those  
of about 35 piculs burden respectively. They  
are extremely sturdy built, are flat-bot-  
tomed, and have each a movable centre-  
board, capable of being lowered two feet  
below the bottom of the boat, which not  
only enables them to take to perfection in  
deep water, but by being let down, acts as  
an anchor in shoal water.

There is a boat guild, as we call it; it is  
rather an organization for mutual defence  
than a combination to force a tariff. I am  
told that all comers from certain large  
villages at the eastern end of the Haiphong  
creek, but no others, have the right to ply  
this vocation. For the monopoly thus guar-  
anteed the boats can be used for government  
work without remuneration.

The organization has a staff of officers, as to  
speak, two head boatmen and an accom-  
pant. The head boatmen get about the same  
various honours to ascertain what employment  
there is. They exercise a disciplinary influ-  
ence and have a power of a certain kind,  
which an appeal made to them will most  
likely result in the stoppage of the misbe-  
haviour complained of. So far as I can  
learn there is perfect free trade within the  
organization. A boat gets what it bargains  
for and can take as little as it feels inclined  
to; but the head boatmen get fees on the  
carriage of certain goods, and 8 cash a bag  
on all sugar carried is paid into a fund for  
the benefit of the decepted. There are also,  
I have been told, six shrines in the boatmen's  
villages which have to be kept going out of  
common funds, besides theatrical perform-  
ances at stated periods; and other similar  
semi-religious observances.

COOLIES.—These people, who carry cargo  
and baggage from boats to long and from  
longs to boats, number about 170, and are,  
like the boat people, organized. What one  
would suppose to be the commonest voca-  
tion a human being can resort to, requiring no  
greater preparedness than a carrying pole  
and the strength and trifling skill to wield  
it, is yet at this port a calling not to be  
engaged in unless by men of some substance.

The coolie guild, as we call it, admits,  
I am told, all comers who can pay an  
entrance fee of \$13. The monopoly is  
sanctioned officially in an indirect way, and  
in return the services of the coolies are liable  
to be requisitioned to do government work  
unpaid.

The climate had so far proved healthy  
to the Europeans stationed there, and the  
inhabitants—with the exception of those  
of one or two villages, whose avocation as  
junkmen was to some extent encroached  
upon and imperilled by the foreign  
steamers—had on the whole behaved  
with great civility. The women are the  
principal labourers everywhere, and Mr.  
McKean mentions that they are possessed  
with a ridiculous fear of foreigners, the  
sight of whom often starts a whole  
company to flight to the abandonment of  
bag and baggage. With the exception of  
mutton, all kinds of meat are abundant,  
good and cheap. The report will, we  
think, be regarded as a satisfactory one  
on the whole.

The recent telegrams from Europe are  
said to have had a very appreciable  
effect on the share market here, especially  
the one stating that the whole of the  
Mediterranean Squadron had been or-  
dered to rendezvous at the Levant. It  
would seem from late mail advices that  
several vessels of the Squadron assembled  
in Besika Bay had been permitted to  
proceed to Malta and elsewhere to  
winter, and, if we interpret the telegram  
rightly, it simply means that, in view of  
the passage of the Balkans by the Rus-  
sians, the British Government deem it  
desirable to have the whole of the fleet  
once more in the Levant to land in-  
fluences to British interests at Constan-  
tinople, stand guard over that city, or  
prevent by its presence the occurrence  
of any fanciful outbursts against  
Christians on the part of the Mohammedan  
population at the various Levantine  
ports. The Levant is rather a vague  
rendezvous, as it includes the sea coast  
from the Dardanelles to Port Said.  
What share a British fleet would be able  
or permitted to take in the defence  
of Constantinople is not very easy to  
conjecture, and remains to be demon-  
strated. The telegram we publish to-day  
stating that two of the Indian troop-ships  
passing Malta are ordered to remain  
at that port is even more significant.  
It at least shows that the British  
Government entertains some apprehen-  
sion that it may become quickly involved  
in a struggle with Russia not many  
hundreds of miles away from Constan-  
tinople, unless indeed the protection of the  
Suez Canal is the object in view. We  
are however little inclined to believe  
England will become involved in the  
war. Kessanlik, where a Turkish  
Minister has just gone to arrange an  
armistice, is a town at the entrance of  
the Bosphorus on the Roumelian side  
of the Balkans.

## REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.

[SUPPLIED TO THE "CHINA MAIL."]  
(By Southern Route.)

## THE WAR.

LONDON, 18th Jan., 1878.

The whole of the Mediterranean Squadron  
has been ordered to rendezvous at the  
Levant.

A strong feeling of irritation against  
England exists at Constantinople among the  
Muslim population.

The Russians have completely invested  
Erzeroum.

LONDON, 14th Jan., 1878.

The troops going homeward in the Indian  
troop-ship *Junna*, and those coming outward  
in the *Euphrates* have been detained at  
Malta.

Servier Namyk has started for Kessanlik  
to treat about the armistice.

## LOCAL AND GENERAL.

Ten gunboats *Fly* and *Swinger* went out  
on a trial trip this morning and returned  
to the Harbour this afternoon.

We have to acknowledge receipt of a  
pamphlet entitled, "Dates and Events  
connected with the History of Education in  
Hongkong. Hongkong: Printed at St.  
Lewis Reformatory, 1877." The sketch  
covers the ground of twenty years, from  
1857 to 1877. It is signed "J. T.," which  
we presume means Bishop Raimond.

## THE "CHARTER OAK" AFFAIR.

A Kyong meeting took place to-day in  
the Tung Wah Hospital in reference to this  
matter. There were present about 100  
Chinese of all classes, consisting of some of  
the present Committee, ex-Committee, and  
members of the Hospital, and many of the  
Kyong (the Chinese community generally),  
besides 30 or 40 intending passengers by  
the *Charter Oak*. The charterer Lum Ping  
and his agents the Shang Wo Tai Hong,  
were also present.

Mr. Wong Kwan Tong acted as spokes-  
man and opened the meeting by stating  
that last Sunday there was a meeting in  
reference to the emigration to Honolulu.  
It appeared that four letters had been sent  
to this Hospital by Chinese in Honolulu,  
intimating that all the horrors of coolie  
slavery were existing there. The letters  
would be read and would speak for  
themselves. Meantime rumours were  
abroad that emigration to the Sandwich  
Islands was being carried on here. These  
reached the ears of the Government, and  
the Hon. O. C. Smith, Registrar General,  
sent Lai Shik Kai (the kidnapping detec-  
tive) to the Hospital to fetch those letters,  
and they were forwarded on to H.E. the  
Governor, who refused to allow the *Charter  
Oak* to



carried it out to try and smoke it. The defendant wanted 30 cents to give it back. Mr May fined him 10 shillings, or ten days' imprisonment, for the unlawful possession of the pipe.

## A FALSE CHARGE.

Wong Asing, a gardener, was charged as follows: Lai Kayon, described as a cook at the On Kee Boarding House, stated that he had been tied up all night in a match and robbed of a bangle, \$4 in money, and a jacket by the defendant and several other men. The charge was proved to be unfounded, and Inspector Cameron gave the defendant an excellent character. Mr Russell accordingly dismissed the case.

## LARCENY FROM THE PERSON.

Lai Ahwong, a cook, was sent to six months' hard labour for stealing a silver ear-pick from the person of a girl in the public street.

## MORE LARCENY.

Shum Yun Cheung, a hawker, was sent to six months' hard labour for stealing three quilts from a dwelling-house. He admitted the offence.

## STILL MORE.

Chan Ayan, a hawker, was sent to 4 months' hard labour for stealing a pipe.

## A COOK IN TROUBLE.

Wong Asing, a cook unemployed, was sent to 3 months' hard labour for entering a dwelling-house for an unlawful purpose.

## THE \$500 ROBBERY.

Wong A-I, a hawker, and Pun A King, married woman, were charged by Inspector Lindsay with being concerned in the robbery of \$500, the property of Father Vignone. Inspector Lindsay said that he had a warrant to search the last floor of No. 42, East Street. He went there about 3 o'clock yesterday and searched the room and the prisoners were apprehended in the room. He told defendants he had a warrant to search the room for money stolen from Father Vignone, and the 1st defendant said he knew nothing about it. The Inspector searched the room in company with Chinese constable Pang A-hoi (No. 199). The first defendant was seen to drop something behind him which proved to be a piece of Chinese paper relating to a quantity of clothing. The paper was warm, as if it had been in some one's mouth. A match-box was found in a drawer in a table and a one hundred dollar note, of the character of the castle Bank, No. 6798, was found. A number of pawn-tickets were likewise found. Defendant had only been living in the house five days. The amount of money reported to have been stolen was \$500 in one hundred dollar notes, and the note found in defendant's room was one of them.

Bernard Vignone, sworn, stated that he was a clergyman and lived at Wanchai. On the 9th Sept. last, he lost a quantity of jewellery from his house, and subsequently recovered some of it, and on the 12th Sept. he lost five \$100 notes. He reported the matter to the Police, and furnished them with the numbers of the notes. He believed that four notes had been recovered at Nam Tau. He did not know the defendants. He suspected that the notes were stolen by a boy who is in custody at Nam Tau. The boy was a reformatory boy and lived with witness.

Mr Russell remanded the case till tomorrow.

## Japan.

(Gazette.)

The Chinese Officers and sailor of the *Hoi-an* do not appear to have very favourably impressed the natives; though they may have astonished them a little. The *Hochi Shinbun* speaks of small quantities of *ginseng* ashore, and smuggling it on board, concealed on their persons, to evade the payment of duty. The same paper says that the conduct of the men allowed to land was very disorderly.

The Government have been compelled to accept the inevitable, and to provide for a portion of the excessive expenses of the Satsuma civil war by the issue of a new supply of paper money. It is difficult to imagine how they could have done otherwise without resorting to the expedient of a foreign loan. The reason and the method of the fresh issue are thus explained by the Prime Minister in a notification dated the 27th December, 1877.

## "NOTIFICATION No. 87.

"Owing to the expense of the expedition against the insurgents of the Kishiu Chihō, the revenue of the current year will be insufficient to meet the expenditure. Therefore, of the paper money which was kept in reserve in accordance with the terms of notification No. 121 of the sixth year of Meiji (1876 to 1892 inclusive), On the notes being withdrawn from circulation they will be cut up, and a record kept of their destruction.

"In consequence of this issue the sum of upwards of 27,000,000 yen in paper money now in circulation in the form of *satsu* of 50, 20, and 10 sen notes respectively, will be redeemed with silver and copper currency in the fifteen years between the 11th and 26th of Meiji (1876 to 1892 inclusive). On the notes being withdrawn from circulation they will be cut up, and a record kept of their destruction.

"The sum of 27,000,000 yen paper money, newly issued, will thus be redeemed within fifteen years. But those who may desire to exchange their paper money for Government bonds will, on application, be allowed to do so in accordance with the terms of notification No. 121 of the sixth year of Meiji; and the Government will pay interest on the bonds at the rate of six per cent per annum. The money thus received into the Treasury will be cut up, and the amount in each case will be recorded.

"SANJO SAN'EYOSHI.

*Laijo Daijin.*"

## DIARY OF THE WAR.

(Compiled from the Daily Papers.)

Friday, Nov. 30.—The war news of today has greatly lessened. The Turks have published a report respecting the recent fighting on the Lom, in the course of which it is mentioned that the heavy fire of the Russians caused ravages in the Turkish lines. The Turks foiled an attempt of the Russians to send reinforcements across the Danube. According to a Vienna newspaper, the Russian people desire only the acquisition of Batoum, and they consider that only a temporary occupation of Armenia will be necessary until Turkey has paid them a war indemnity.

Saturday, Dec. 1.—The telegrams from the Russian headquarters assert that there are hundreds of deserters from Plevna, who state that their rations were reduced to three pieces of bread per day, and that hunger

caused them to desert. A Russian official despatch of the 29th states that no important fighting has taken place between the Lom and Jantra since the 20th. Ibrahim Bey, however, has telegraphed that he has repulsed three vigorous attacks made by the Russians on the Yildiz redoubt, and that he subsequently repulsed the enemy with a loss of 600 killed. A Turkish shot has caused the explosion of a Russian powder-store in a Russian battery at Giurgevo. Slatitzka had been occupied by the Russians. Mehmet Ali is expected to hold very strong positions. It is expected that the Russians will attack the western defences of the Balkans. The Serbian Government has resolved to convolve a meeting of the Skupstina at Kragujevac for this day forthright, and submit to it the Budget and the Convention to be concluded with Russia.

Dec. 3.—Dervish Pacha commanding at Batoum, having withdrawn the greater part of his troops who had occupied the heights of Khatzabani, that position was at once attacked and captured by the Russians, who can now bombard the fortress and town with fatal effect. The Turkish occupation of Batoum thus draws to an end. The Russian advance in Western Bulgaria is rapidly progressing, and the passes between the Orkhanie and Trojan defiles are threatened by considerable forces. The town of Orkhanie has been abandoned by the Turks, who now occupy a fortified position in the pass to the south of that town.

A Bucharest telegram states that deserters from Plevna have informed the Russians that it is Ghazi Osman's intention to break through their lines within a fortnight, unless succour reaches him before that time. Mehmet Ali Pacha reports that the Russians were repulsed in an attack which they made on the 29th ult. on a fortified position in the Balkans beyond Rtopol. The engagement lasted for four hours. After enduring a bombardment for six days the Turks have evacuated Lom Palanka and retired to Widdin. An attempt, according to a telegram of Saturday's date from Cattaro, has been made by three Turkish ships of war to land troops off Antivari, but was foiled by a vigorous fire from the Montenegrin batteries.

Tuesday, Dec. 4.—At Plevna the Russians have taken such steps as will establish a permanent contact with their own forces at Wratzo and with the Roumanian detachment at Lom Palanka. A Russian official despatch says that the Turks have evacuated the strongly fortified position which they held near Wretchish and Lutakovo, and have withdrawn along two roads in the direction of Sofia, whither the Russians are pursuing them. The Egyptian contingents are to be largely reinforced. From Shuala, the *Daily Telegraph* correspondent, telegraphing on Sunday night, reports that no official news had been received there since Thursday last. Great anxiety was being felt, and there was a belief that important movements were imminent, if they were not actually taking place. From a reliable private source he learned that on Friday the Turks inflicted a great defeat upon the Russians in the direction of Timova. A telegram from Constantinople denies that the Russians have captured a fort near Batoum.

Wednesday, Dec. 5.—The left flank of Mehmet Ali Pacha's forces beyond Sofia was attacked by a considerable Russian force on Monday, while his right at Kamari, near the southern outlet of the Orkhanie defile, was subjected to a furious cannonade. The battle continued throughout the whole day, and resulted in the repulse of the Russians with considerable losses. Another telegram from Constantinople of a later date reports that Mehmet Ali assumed the offensive on Tuesday, but nothing definite was known as regards the result of the second day's fighting. It is reported that Suleiman Pacha has fought an important battle, it is supposed, on the Osman Bazar and Timova road, but no particulars have been received of the operations. A despatch received from the Russian headquarters, dated December 3, confines itself to the difficulties met with by the Russian forces on the mountains, caused by their great height and the inclement weather. General Dandeville is reported to have occupied a position at an elevation of 3,400 feet. The tales recently told by the deserters from Plevna are discredited by a private letter which has recently been seen there several thousands of cattle, and the deserters, who were warmly clad, admit that there was plenty of fuel. The Roumanians are advancing their works towards the Grivitz redoubt, and another attack on that place is expected. Prince Milan has addressed some of his troops who were starting for the frontier, and told them there was a certain prospect of a better issue to the next campaign if he should again go to war.

Thursday, Dec. 6.—The Russians have sustained a severe defeat at Elena, for that place, together with Maritsa, has been taken and occupied by the Turks, who have captured three hundred prisoners, besides a very large quantity of ammunition. The Russian losses are stated to have been very heavy. Suleiman Pacha, in his telegram to the Porte, reports that the Russians were compelled to withdraw to their second line of defence, but that his infantry could not pursue them until he had planted some artillery on the surrounding heights. Hussein Pacha, however, sent forward his brigade, and compelled the Russians to fall back on their third line of defence. Great importance is attached in Constantinople to this victory, and the capture of Timova is now looked forward to. Mehmet Ali telegraphs that he has advanced beyond Kamari, but for the present has been hindered by a general engagement. The Russians hope that in a few days their new railway will be in complete working order, and intend to establish communications by means of steam ferries across the Danube. In a telegram of Monday's date from the Imperial Russian Headquarters at Bogot, it is stated that the Russian troops captured at Orkhanie and Wretchish an immense quantity of provisions, weapons, cartridges, warm winter clothing, and a large stock of oats and barley, also a whole pontoon park and five iron pontoons with all their fittings.

## LONDON GOSSIP.

The British Museum is fast becoming an Aitcan stable of disorder and abjectness. The other day a friend of mine witnessed a scene in the reading-room which would hardly have been endured at a coster's club. An elderly lady who condescended to make her first appearance about two p.m. found "her seat" occupied by a gentleman student, who no doubt never heard of any rule or understanding by which seats which are supposed to be free to all are to be retained for certain persons. As the student did not rise and decamp immediately, the old lady declared, in a voice loud enough for all to hear, that it was a great shame, and a great impertinence, for any one to take her seat,

which she had occupied for five years, and in which she had written six-and-fifty, or some such number of stories. The student ultimately retired in defeat; but the old lady continued to annoy the room with her speech till called to order by an old gentleman who had suffered much from the interruption. The old lady immediately broke in a metallic laugh of scorn at the "ridiculous old man" who dared to cross her path. At this, the old gentleman rose from his seat and appealed to the authorities in the centre of the room. However, they could not have given him much encouragement in his attempt to maintain order, for he returned crestfallen to his seat, and the old lady was left a noisy victor on the battlefield.

A telegram, dated Dec. 4th, says: "The Pope had a restless night on the 3rd, with great difficulty of breathing. Next morning he made constant and painful efforts to relieve the lungs, but without effect. Death by asphyxia is apprehended. The Vatican hopes to hold a Consistory on an occasion, rather than that appointed, by conveying the Pope to the reception party at a recumbent position on a wheeled bed bolstered with pillows. The patient is disturbed by gloomy forebodings. There is thought to be no hope of his recovery."

It appears to be by no means unlikely that the celebrated Krupp gun, with which the whole of the German artillery is at present armed, will be superseded, if not immediately, at all events before very long, by another weapon. Experiments have, it is well known, been lately made in the foundry at Spandau with bronze-steel, prepared by the Uchatius method, and these have been so successful that an Austrian military paper, the *Inspector-general* of the German artillery has definitely decided to adopt it as a material for the manufacture of ordnance; and, in the first instance, has ordered several siege guns to be made of the new compound, the secret of the preparation of which appears to be now very generally known. The guns which are to be thus manufactured are to have a calibre of twelve centimetres, but will be superior to the Austrian pieces with the same bore, as arrangements will be made to allow a larger charge of powder to be used. In well-informed circles the construction of these guns is looked upon as the first step towards the complete substitution of bronze-steel for steel ordnance in the German army.

Meanwhile, exceedingly satisfactory experiments have been made on the range at Steinfeld, near Vienna, with two recently constructed fifteen centimetre bronze-steel guns. The Austrian Minister of War, the President of the Technical Committee, General Uchatius, and a large number of artillery officers, were present on the occasion, and excellent practice was made with the new weapons at the 2,000 metres range.

The daring of the North Country character is well known, but who would believe that even the stern North could produce the man required to perform the feat included in this advertisement from the *Huddersfield Daily Advertiser*:—"Wanted, for the Sorting-room of a Rag Warehouse, a capable and energetic man, with a thorough practical active MAN, with a thorough practical knowledge of cotton and woolen rags, and capable of managing a very liberal salary will be given." And so there ought to be.

The following translation gives the principal points of an article which appeared in a late number of the *Sovremennik*, a journal published at Moscow:—"It is necessary (says the writer) for Russia to possess the Turkish fleet; and the Black Sea must be exclusively hers. Turkey can only be allowed to remain there as a guest. She cannot have the right to keep a fleet in a sea which must be ours, nor the power of sending a fleet into that sea. The Porte must give up the right of possessing fortresses at Varna and Sinope, as well as along the whole coast of the Black Sea. If the Black Sea is not Russian, the Straits also must be Russian. The country abutting upon the Straits will be ours—perhaps not permanently occupied—and Turkey possibly may be allowed to hold it, but no war vessels must approach this territory. How can these objects be attained? To effect them Russia should also possess garisons and fortresses on the coast, and anchorage for ships of war in the Bosphorus, or the right of occupying the capital when any armed vessel approaches the Dardanelles, as well as of prohibiting the entrance of any foreign (armed) vessel into the Bosphorus. We must have the right of sending our ships of war into the Mediterranean and the Black Sea. We do not possess this right the Black Sea will not be wholly ours. As to Mesopotamia, the same journal remarks that as long as that key of the old world is not in strong hands, England will always find an excuse to seize it. If Mesopotamia be divided between Turkey, Russia, and Persia, so that Turkey shall be isolated from the Persian Gulf, it will be a second loss of the United States of America to England. The possession of Mesopotamia by Russia will kill the worm England which destroys the communications Russia could possess in the East."

## LITERARY INTELLIGENCE.

(China Review.)

The Rev. Mr. Faber, who has just published, in German, an exposition of the doctrines of Menenius and Mithras, and a translation of the works of Lieh-tze, is preparing a systematic analysis of all the ancient literature of China down to 220 B.C. His colleague, Rev. W. Dilthey, is working at a translation of the text (and commentary) of the *Sze Ma-te-in* history.

Dr. Geerts, in Japan, is engaged in the preparation of a work (in French) intended to be an encyclopedia of Japanese and Chinese Natural History.

Students of the mandarin dialect, who have learnt only the orthography of Sir Thomas Wade, and consequently find Dr. Williams' dictionary so difficult to use syllabically will be gratified to hear that a key to the above-mentioned dictionary is now in course of preparation, by which it will be easy to find any character according to Wade's spelling. Thus, a beginner who wants to look up 好, which he knows only as *Chang* will see at once on what page in Williams that character is treated, whereas, he would otherwise have been wasting his time in looking through Williams' *Chang*, and be ultimately forced to hunt up the word in the radical index at the end.

We have been permitted to glance at a new work by Mr. Giles of H. M. Consular Service, now passing through the press in Hongkong. It is entitled "A Glossary of References on subjects connected with the Far East," and is an alphabetically-arranged list of all kinds of terms, titles, phrases etc.

etc. in common use among residents in China, Japan, and the Straits Settlements, each accompanied by a brief explanation, historical or etymological as the case may be. To take a few consecutive examples, we have

Gialbo Golden Lilies  
Gingall Gongs  
Gong-tanji Gong-tanji  
Gingang Grand Canal  
Girdles Do. Examiner  
Go-bang Do. Secretary  
Gowang Grass Character  
Gowang Grass Cloth  
Gol

forming, in fact, a short cut to knowledge on Far-Eastern subjects generally, and likely to be welcomed by many who have neither the opportunity nor the books at their command for acquiring more extended information.

Professor Beal in London is preparing for the press a translation from the Chinese which will be published under the title "Scriptural Texts from the Buddhist Canon, commonly known as Dhammapadam, with accompanying narratives." Messrs MacMillan & Co. have announced, as in the press, a new work by the Venerable Archdeacon Gray entitled "History of the Laws, Manners and Customs of the People in China."

## COMMERCIAL.

January 16.

There has been no change in the position of the market for Bengal Opium since last notice. The rates for both kinds but slightly fluctuated, and latterly have kept steady with more disposition on the part of the native dealers to operate, in view perhaps of the approaching cessation of communication by native crafts with the interior for the native New Year holidays. A very fair amount of business has been consequently done in both descriptions during the fortnight, and the day's rates are given at \$900 for Patna, and \$672½ for Benares.

The receipts for the month so far, aggregate 3,277 chests, against 2,675 chests to the corresponding date last year. During the interval under notice some 700 chests have been taken by the local consumers, against 650 chests at the corresponding period last year. This, with the exportations, leaves a stock computed at 3,900 chests, against 2,800 chests same time last year. Of this last quantity 800 chests were Benares, of which kind the present stock comprises 1,100 chests.

Messrs. HEINEMANN & Co.'s Freight Circular for the Mail of Thursday, 17th January, says:—

The slight improvement in demand for tonnage noticed in last Circular has fallen off, and little business has been done during the fortnight either homebound or coastwise. There is no change to notice in freights, but rates are almost nominal.

Homebound, a few settlements are reported from the port to London and New York on secret terms, but the freight rates are understood to show no improvement on late quotations. For London the rate may be quoted about £1 6s per ton of 50 feet, and from Manila to United Kingdom £2 per ton Sugar and £3 per ton Hemp, to New York \$3 per ton Sugar and \$7 Hemp for mixed cargoes, with hardly any demand. Coastwise, chartering for Tientsin has begun, but the freights paid are very low, and, suitable tonnage being plentiful, are not likely to improve at present. For Saigon steamers are not yet wanted to load Rice, the bulk of the crop not being ready for shipment for another month. For Bangkok there is still nothing doing.

The following vessels left for Manila

"seeking"—The Italian barque *Francisca*, 494 tons; the British ship *Saltibary*, 1075 tons; *The Sir James Family*, 1049 tons; and *Barker*, 1008 tons. The British brig *Keik*, 187 tons, left for Amoy "seeking," and the German barque *Emma*, 338 tons, for the same port with her original cargo from Macassar. The German ship *E. O. Rickmers*, 1167 tons, will proceed to the Burmah Rice Ports under orders from home.

The engaged tonnage in port amounts to 68 vessels, registering 29,991 tons.

The following are the settlements:—British ship *Broomha*, 1379, hence to London, private.

British barque *Amie Florence*, 637, hence to New York, private.

American barque *B. F. Watson*, 993, hence to New York, private.

British barque *F. J. Brown*, 892, hence to Portland, Oregon, private.

Norwegian barque *Legs*, 555, Manila to Channel for orders to discharge in the Port of the United Kingdom or on the Continent, private.

French barque *Charles Maureau*, 668, Whampoa to Tientsin and back to Hongkong via Newchwang, 45 cents per picul, 36 lay days.

German barque *Formosa*, 283, Whampoa to Tientsin and back to Hongkong via Newchwang, 50 cents per picul, 36 lay days.

German barque *Vesta*, 302, Whampoa to Tientsin and back to Hongkong via Newchwang, 50 cents per picul, 36 lay days.

German barque *Heronimus*, 435, Keelung to Hongkong, \$1.45 per ton of 20 cwt, 16 lay days.

German 8-masted schooner *Peter*, 811, Taiwan to Ochofuo and thence to Amoy, 28 cents per picul, 10 to Swatow, 31 cents per picul, 35 lay days.

British barque *Orion*, 310, Bangkok to Hongkong (inside the Bar), 22 cents per picul, (outside the Bar), 17 cents per picul, or Pechu Pari to Hongkong (Salt), 18 cents per picul, 32 lay days.

British barque *W. M. Gladstone*, 534, Mantong to Hongkong (Salt), 42,000 in full, 80 lay days.

British steamer *Tintin*, Abbey, 730, hence to Saigon and back, \$4,000 in full, 18 lay days.

British steamer *Radnorshire*, 1201, Saigon to Hongkong, 16 cents per picul, 13 lay days.

British barque *Alexandra*, 407, Monthly Charter, 3 to 5 months, \$1,150 per month.

about one tael; one parcel of good common has been taken at Tls. 11 per picul, showing a fall of a tael and a half on previous rates. Settlements amount to 7,200 boxes of Scented Caper at Tls. 11 a 18 per picul.

Export of the various descriptions of Teas shipped from Canton Waters, (Hongkong, Canton and Macao) to Great Britain to date:—Dec. 27, S. S. *Orestes*, Congou 67,541 lbs., S. Caper 109,053 lbs., S. O. Pekoe 720 lbs., Sorts 990 lbs., total 178,304 lbs.; Jan. 3, S. S. *Teheran*, Congou 40,447 lbs., S. Caper 148,517 lbs., S. O. Pekoe 76,586 lbs., total 265,550 lbs.; and S. S. *Mendana*, Congou 65,825 lbs., S. Caper 175,372 lbs., S. O. Pekoe 10,600 lbs., total 251,797 lbs.—Making, with previous shipments, a total for the season of 10,833,311 lbs. (including 192,649 lbs. lost in *Meikong*); against 17,441,238 for season 1876-77.

TEA.—A moderate business has been transacted during the past two weeks; previous to the departure of the French mail of 10th instant about 115 bales found buyers, but since then there has been little demand, and settlements for the fortnight are not estimated at more than 165 bales. Teasles. Prices have been steady throughout, and our closing quotations show but little change from those of our last printed report.

Long-reels.—The business in these has again been small, and only 10 piculs are said to have changed hands.

Re-reels.—There has been some little enquiry, but no transactions have as yet transpired.

Stock in Canton is estimated at 250 bales Teasles, 50 bales Kowkong, 100 bales Cumbuck and Lucklow, and 150 to 200 bales of inferior sorts.

Waste.—Prices are unchanged; there is now no No. 1 of good quality on offer.

Export of Silk.—Export to date:—To London, 4,783 bales; to Continent, 6,602 bales; to America, 3,682 boxes; to Bombay, 2,990 piculs; total, 11,885 bales, 8,632 boxes, and 2,990 piculs. Of Waste, 5,030 bales. Pierced Cocoons, 1,165 bales for Europe.

## QUOTATIONS.

Teasles	Curio, \$515
"	No. 1, \$480
"	" 2, \$400
"	" 3, \$400
"	" 4, \$420 a 425
Loongkong	Curio, — None.
"	No. 1, —
"	" 2, —
"	" 3, —
Cumbuck	— Lucklow, — \$440
Re-reels Cumbuck	Best \$550
"	" Lucklow
"	No. 1, \$520
"	" 2, \$500
"	" 3, \$430
"	Cote-og-own, 1, \$600
"	" 2, \$560
Waste Silk	No. 1, \$ 79
"	" 2, \$ 68
Cocoons Pierced	" 1, \$ 76

SETTLEMENTS FOR THE FORTNIGHT, 1877-78. 1878-77.

For Europe	165 bils.	110 bils.
United States	n. bxs.	280 bxs.
Re-reels	n. bxs.	10 p's.
Bombay	10 p's.	30 bxs.

DRUGS AND SPICES.—Cassia Lignea, is quoted for Loting \$9.50 a 9.60 in mats, \$9.65 in boxes, for Tai Wo \$9.60 a 9.70 in mats, \$9.95 a \$10 in boxes. Sales 3,000 piculs. Stock 6,000 piculs. Cassia Buds, \$14 a \$14.20 per picul. Sales 400 piculs. Stock 100 piculs. Star Aniseed, \$25 a \$26. Rhubarb, No. 2, \$40 a \$45. Alum, \$80 a \$1.85 per picul. Camphor, \$20.50 a \$21.50 per picul, packed.

SUNDRIES.—Fire Crackers, 70 a 75 cents per box for Gowqua's No. 1, gold chop.

Vermilion, \$35 a \$36 per box. Matting, Fine contract, White 4/4, 1 1/2 cents, 5/4, 1 1/2 cents, 6/4, 1 1/2 cents per yard; Red Check, 4/4, 1 1/2 cents, 5/4, 1 1/2 cents, 6/4, 1 1/2 cents; Double Extra Imperial, white 4/4, 1 1/2 cents, 5/4, 1 1/2 cents, 6/4, 20 cents; Red Check, 4/4, 10 cents, 5/4, 18 cents, 6/4, 21 cents per yard.

Cargo Ginger, new, in syrup (Chyloong) \$3.70; Mandarin, \$4.30, Young Stem, \$5.50, per box of 6 jars.

LEAD.—A further decline has taken place, and mixed brands are now quoted \$7.17 a \$7.20 per picul, and Hole chop and Hole chop and W.B. \$7.25 a \$7.30 per picul.

QUICKSILVER is quoted \$62 a \$64 per picul.

GINSENG.—Unchanged.

SHIPPING.

The rate of Freight to London, per steamer is \$2.12, and per sailing vessel, \$2 per ton of 40 and 50 cubic feet respectively.

The rate of Freight to New York, per steamer, is \$3.17, and per sailing vessel, \$1.10 a \$1.15 per ton of 40 cubic feet.

LOADING AND ON THE BECK.—At Whampoa.—For London and New York.—None.

At Hongkong.—For London.—*Onida*, *Patroclus*, str., *Broomha*, *Achilles*, str.

For New York.—*Merro Castle*, (cleared).

For San Francisco.—*Chiturnum*.

DEPARTURES.—From Whampoa.—For London and New York.—None.

From Hongkong.—For London.—*Mendana*, str., *Kate Carnie*.

For New York.—*T. A. Goddard*, *Colorado*.

For San Francisco.—None.

Sir had often noticed him looking in at the window of his little dry goods store, but it was a long time before he mustered up courage to come in. At last one day he put his head in at the door and, blushing up his eyes, stammered out, "A w-m-m-m-much is that stuff so ad your neck worth by the yard?" "If you allude to my ribbon, it is worth seventy-five cents," he replied. "May I feel it and see if it is real?" A responsive nod encouraged him, and he came right up to the counter and timidly reached out his hand to the fair young throat. "I knew your neck didn't measure more than fourteen inches," he whined, "but I'm willing to pay five dollars for that ere little frill; I can see it's dirty, and it won't wash—but what's that to a heart that's bleeding?" His agony touched that tender breast, and there was almost a tear in her eye as she took off the tiny, wavy frill, scooped in his five-dollar piece, gazed sorrowfully into his face and murmured, "Go, young gentleman, go! My old man's waiting inside for his dinner, and my three big brothers are looking at you from the back room." A sickly looking youth might have been seen trying to beat Goldsmith's Maid's time down the street, just then, but he travelled too fast for the bystanders to discern whether the motto on that dirty piece of ruffling was "Excelsior" or not.



## Mails.



**STEAM FOR**  
Singapore, Penang, Point de Galle,  
Aden, Suez, Malta, Brindisi,  
Ancona, Venice, Mediterranean  
Ports, Southampton,  
and London,  
Also,  
Bombay, Madras, Calcutta, and  
Australia.

THE PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL STEAM  
NAVIGATION COMPANY'S Steamship  
GRIFFIN, Captain FRASER, will leave  
this on THURSDAY, the 17th January,  
at Noon.  
For further Particulars, apply to  
A. LIND, Superintendent.  
Hongkong, January 7, 1878. jsl7

## U. S. MAIL LINE.

PACIFIC MAIL STEAMSHIP  
COMPANY.

THROUGH TO NEW YORK, VIA  
OVERLAND RAILWAYS, AND TOUCHING  
AT YOKOHAMA, AND SAN FRANCISCO.

THE U. S. Mail Steamer CITY OF  
PEKING will be despatched for San  
Francisco, via Yokohama, on SATUR-  
DAY, the 19th January, at Noon, taking  
Passengers, and Freight, for Japan, the  
United States, and Europe.

Through Bills of Lading issued for trans-  
portation to Yokohama and other Japan  
Ports, to San Francisco, to Atlantic and  
Inland Cities of the United States via Over-  
land Railways, to Havana, Trinidad, and  
Demerara, and to ports in Mexico, Central  
and South America by the Company's and  
connecting Steamers.

Through Passage Tickets granted to  
England, France, and Germany by all  
trans-Atlantic lines of Steamers.  
A REDUCTION OF TWENTY PER  
CENT on regular rates is granted to  
OFFICERS OF THE ARMY AND NAVY,  
AND MEMBERS OF THE CIVIL AND  
CONSULAR SERVICES IN COMMISS-  
SION.

Freight will be received on board until  
4 p.m., 15th January. Parcel Packages  
will be received at the office until 6 p.m.  
same day; all Parcel Packages should be  
marked to address in full; value of same  
is required.

Consular Invoices to accompany Overland  
Cargo should be sent to the Company's  
Offices in sealed envelopes, addressed to the  
Collector of Customs at San Francisco.  
For further information as to Passage  
and Freight, apply to the Agency of the  
Company, No. 9, Praya Central.

RUSSELL & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, December 31, 1877. jsl9

Occidental & Oriental Steam-  
Ship Company.

TAKING THROUGH CARGO AND  
PASSENGERS FOR THE UNITED  
STATES AND EUROPE,  
IN CONNECTION WITH THE  
CENTRAL  
and  
UNION PACIFIC AND CONNECTING  
RAILROAD COMPANIES  
AND  
ATLANTIC STEAMERS.

THE S. S. "OCEANIC" will be de-  
spatched for San Francisco via Yoko-  
hama, on FRIDAY, the 1st February,  
at 3 p.m., taking Cargo and Passengers for  
Japan, the United States and Europe.

Connection is made at Yokohama, with  
Steamers from Shanghai.  
Freight will be received on Board until  
4 p.m. of the 31st January. PARCEL  
PACKAGES will be received at the Office  
until 5 p.m. same day; all Parcel Packages  
should be marked to address in full; value  
of same is required.

A REDUCTION is made on RETURN PAS-  
SAGE TICKETS.  
For further information as to Freight  
or Passage, apply to the Agency of the  
Company, No. 9, Praya Central.  
G. B. EMORY, Agent.

Hongkong, January 4, 1878. jsl

## THE CHINESE MAIL.

TERMS OF ADVERTISING IN THE  
Chinese Mail.

TWO cents a character for the first 100  
characters, and one cent a character  
beyond the first 100, for first insertion, and  
half price for repetitions during the first  
week. Subsequent weeks' insertions will  
be charged only one half the amount of the  
first week's charge. Advertisements for  
half a year and longer will be allowed a  
deduction of 25 per cent on the total amount,  
and contracts for more favourable terms  
can be made.

Efforts have been made to establish  
Agents for circulating the Chinese Mail in all  
the ports in Japan, in Saigon, Singapore,  
Penang, Calcutta, Batavia, Manila, the  
Philippines, Australia, San Francisco, Peru  
and other places which Chinese frequent.  
When the list of Agents is completed,  
it will be published. Agents have been  
already established in most of the above  
places, and in important ports more than  
one agent has been appointed at each.

CHUN AYIN,  
Manager.

Hongkong, February 23, 1874.

## Intimations.

W. BALL,  
CHINA DISPENSARY.

IMPORTER OF DRUGS, CHEMICALS,  
DRUGGISTS' Sundries, TOILET  
REQUISITES, PATENT MED-  
ICINES AND PERFUMES.

Prescriptions Dispensed with Carefulness,  
and Prompt Attention.

PRAYA WEST, HONGKONG,  
Near the Canton Steamer's Wharf,  
Hongkong, July 13, 1876.

IN THE GOODS OF  
GEORGE UNDERHILL SANDS,  
Deceased.

NOTICE is hereby given that all Cre-  
ditors and other Persons, having any  
CLAIMS or DEMANDS upon or against  
the Estate of GEORGE UNDERHILL  
SANDS, late of Victoria, Hongkong, Pa-  
tent Slip Proprietor and Ship-builder, who  
died at Victoria aforesaid on the 30th  
day of October, 1877, and whose Will was  
duly proved, Probate whereof was granted  
to WILLIAM HOWELL FORBES, of Victoria  
aforesaid, Esquire, the Executor therein  
named by the Supreme Court of Hong-  
kong, in its Probate Jurisdiction on the  
8th day of November, 1877, are hereby re-  
quired to send, in writing, the particulars  
of their Claims or Demands to the said  
WILLIAM HOWELL FORBES at his address  
aforesaid, or to the Underigned WILLIAM  
HENRY BRETHERTON, the Solicitor of the  
said WILLIAM HOWELL FORBES, at the  
office of the said Wm. Henry Bretterton,  
29, Queen's Road, Hongkong, on or before  
the 1st day of May, 1878.

And notice is hereby given that at the ex-  
piration of the last mentioned day, the said  
WILLIAM HOWELL FORBES will proceed to  
distribute the assets of the said GEORGE  
UNDERHILL SANDS amongst the parties  
entitled thereto, having regard to the  
Claims of which the said WILLIAM HOWELL  
FORBES shall then have had notice; and  
that the said WILLIAM HOWELL FORBES  
will not be liable for the assets, or any part  
thereof, so distributed, to any person of  
whose Claim the said WILLIAM HOWELL  
FORBES shall not have had notice at the  
time of the distribution.

Dated this 1st day of January, 1878.

WM. H. BRETHERTON,  
Solicitor for the said  
WILLIAM HOWELL FORBES.

OFFICE OF THE SHANGHAI STEAM  
NAVIGATION COMPANY,  
IN LIQUIDATION.

A SECOND RETURN OF CAPITAL at  
the Rate of FIVE TAELS per  
SHARE will be made to Shareholders of  
record on the 1st October, Payable at the  
Office of the Liquidators, on the 8th Inst.  
Warrants will be delivered by the Under-  
signed to Shareholders or their lawful  
representatives on presentation of Share  
Certificates for Endorsement.  
The Transfer BOOKS of the Company  
will be CLOSED from the 2nd to the 8th  
Instant, Inclusive.

By Order,

RUSSELL & Co.,  
Liquidators.

Shanghai, October 2, 1877.

## Insurances.

THE CHINA FIRE INSURANCE  
COMPANY, LIMITED.

HEAD OFFICE—HONGKONG.

AGENCIES at all the Treaty Ports of  
China and Japan, and at Singapore,  
Siam and Penang.

Claims accepted, and Policies of Insurance  
granted at the rates of Premium current at  
the above mentioned Ports.

NO CHARGE FOR POLICY FEES.  
JAS. B. COUGHRAN,  
Secretary.  
Hongkong, November 1, 1871.

LANCASHIRE INSURANCE  
COMPANY.

(FIRE AND LIFE.)

CAPITAL—TWO MILLIONS STERLING.

THE Underigned are prepared to grant  
Policies against the Risk of FIRE on  
Buildings or on Goods stored therein, on  
Coals in Marts, or on Goods on board  
Vessels and on Hulls of Vessels in Har-  
bour, at the usual Terms and Conditions.

Proposals for Life Insurances will be re-  
ceived, and transmitted to the Directors  
for their decision.  
If required, protection will be granted on  
first class Lives up to £1000 on a Single  
Life.

For Rates of Premiums, forms of pro-  
posals or any other information, apply to  
ARNOLD, KARBURG & Co.,  
Agents Hongkong & Canton.

Hongkong, January 4, 1877.

QUEEN FIRE INSURANCE  
COMPANY.

THE Underigned are prepared to grant  
Policies against Fire on the extent of  
£45,000 on Buildings, or on Goods stored  
therein, at current local rates, subject to a  
Discount of 20% on the Premium.

NORTON & Co.,  
Agents.

Hongkong, January 1, 1874.

## Insurances.

YANGTZE INSURANCE ASSOC-  
IATION.

CAPITAL—Fully Paid-up.....Tls. 420,000  
PERMANENT RESERVE.....280,000  
SPECIAL RESERVE FUND.....75,000  
Total Capital and accumula-  
tions this date.....Tls. 775,000

Directors:  
F. H. FORBES, Esq., Chairman,  
M. W. BOYD, Esq., C. KREBS, Esq.,  
M. P. RYAN, Esq., C. LUGAS, Esq.

Secretaries:  
Messrs. RUSSELL & Co., Shanghai.  
London Bankers:  
Messrs. BARKING BROTHERS & Co.

Agencies in:  
HONGKONG, LONDON, SAN FRANCISCO, and  
the Principal Ports in the East.

POLICIES granted on Marine Risks to  
all parts of the World, at current  
rates.  
Subject to a charge of 1% for interest  
on Shareholders' Capital, ALL THE PROFITS  
OF THE UNDERWRITING BUSINESS will be  
annually distributed among all Contribu-  
tors of Business in proportion to the  
premium paid by them.

RUSSELL & Co.,  
Agents.  
Hongkong, October 1, 1877. ocl

CHINESE INSURANCE COMPANY.  
(LIMITED.)

NOTICE

POLICIES granted at current rates on  
Marine Risks to all parts of the World.  
In accordance with the Company's Articles  
of Association, Two Thirds of the Profits  
are distributed annually to Contributors,  
whether Shareholders or not, in proportion  
to the net amount of Premium contributed  
by each, the remaining third being carried  
to Reserve Fund.

OLYMPIC & Co.,  
General Agents.

Hongkong, April 17, 1873.

ROYAL INSURANCE COMPANY.

THE Underigned, Agents for the above  
Company, are prepared to grant In-  
surances at current rates.

MELCHERS & Co.,  
Agents, Royal Insurance Company.  
Hongkong, October 27, 1874.

NORTH BRITISH & MERCANTILE  
INSURANCE COMPANY.

Incorporated by Royal Charter and  
Special Acts of Parliament.

ESTABLISHED 1809.  
CAPITAL £2,000,000.

THE Underigned, Agents at Hongkong  
for the above Company, are prepared  
to grant Policies against FIRE, to the  
extent of £10,000 on any Building, or  
on Merchandise in the same, at the  
usual Rates, subject to a discount of 20  
per cent.

GILMAN & Co.,  
Agents.

Hongkong, July 6, 1875.

SHEONG ON FIRE INSURANCE  
COMPANY, LIMITED.

CAPITAL ONE MILLION DOLLARS.

Directors.

KWOK AUKHONG, Merchant.  
PANG YIM, Merchant.  
Ho SAM, of Hop Yik Chan, Merchant.  
LOO YEE, of the Yee On Hong, Merchant.  
LEE SING, of Lai Sing Firm, Merchant.  
CHANG SING YONG, Merchant.  
CHOW UNAN, Merchant.

Manager—HO AMEL.

POLICIES against FIRE granted on  
Buildings and on Goods stored  
therein at CURRENT RATES, subject to  
DISCOUNT OF 20% on the Premium.

OFFICE, 48, Bankam Street.

Hongkong, August 23, 1877. an23

THE LONDON ASSURANCE  
COMPANY.

INCORPORATED BY ROYAL CHARTER  
OF  
His Majesty King George The First,  
A. D. 1720.

THE Underigned having been appointed  
Agents for the above Corporation are  
prepared to grant Insurances as follows—  
Marine Department.  
Policies at current rates payable either  
here, in London or at the principal Ports  
of India, China and Australia.

Fire Department.  
Policies issued for long or short periods at  
current rates. A discount of 20% allowed.

Life Department.  
Policies issued for sums not exceeding  
£5,000 at reduced rates.

HOLLIDAY, WISE & Co.,  
Hongkong, July 25, 1874.

MANCHESTER FIRE ASSURANCE  
COMPANY OF MANCHESTER  
AND LONDON.

THE Underigned have been appointed  
Agents for the above Company at  
Hongkong, Canton, Foochow, Shanghai  
and Hankow, and are prepared to grant  
Insurances at current rates.

HOLLIDAY, WISE & Co.

Hongkong, October 14, 1868.

## Merchant Vessels in Hongkong Harbour.

Exclusive of late Arrivals and Departures reported to-day.

To facilitate finding the position of any vessel in the Harbour, the Anchorage is divided into eight Sections, commencing at  
Green Island. Vessels near the Hongkong shore are marked *h.*, near the Kowloon shore *k.*, and those in the body of the  
Shipping or midway between each shore are marked *e.*, in conjunction with the figures denoting the sections.  
Section.  
1. From Green Island to the Gas Works.  
2. From Gas Works to the Novelty Iron Works.  
3. From Novelty Iron Works to the Harbour Master's Office.  
4. From Harbour Master's Office to the P. and O. Co.'s Office.  
5. From P. and O. Co.'s Office to Peddar's Wharf.  
6. From Peddar's Wharf to the Naval Yard.  
7. From Naval Yard to the Pier.  
8. From Pier to East Point.

Vessel's Name.	Class.	Captain.	Flag and Reg.	Tons.	Date of Arrival.	Consignees or Agents.	Destination.	Remarks.
<b>Steamers.</b>								
Albay	5 h	F. Ashton	Brit.	str.	366	Jan. 14	Douglas LaPraik & Co.	Holhow & Halphong at daylight
Amoy	5 c	Dewees	Brit.	str.	876	Jan. 8	Siemssen & Co.	Shanghai
Bombay	5 c	Briscoe	Brit.	str.	1079	Jan. 2	P. & O. S. N. Co.	Yokohama To-day
Carnegie	2 h	Wharton	Brit.	str.	95	Oct. 2	Kwok Acheong	Saloon
Caribbrooke	2 h	Wharton	Brit.	str.	986	Dec. 19	Man Hing Chan	Cooktown
Cassandra	4 c	Langer	Ger.	str.	937	Jan. 14	Wm. Pustau & Co.	Shanghai & S. Folsco 19th, noon
Chas. Johnston	3 c	Johnson	Brit.	str.	738	Jan. 15	Hop Kee & Co.	To-day
City of Peking	3 h	Turner	Amer.	str.	6079	Jan. 5	P. M. S. S. Co.	For Flying
Cyprian	4 h	Wood	Brit.	str.	1290	Jan. 14	Gibb, Livingston & Co.	K'loon Dock To-morrow
Fame	6 h	Stopan	Brit.	str.	117	Dec. 23	B. K. & W'pon Dock Co.	Europe, &c.
Flintshire	3 h	Thomas	Brit.	str.	1243	Dec. 23	B. Kier & Co.	Holhow & Halphong
Geelong	5 c	Fraser	Brit.	str.	1125	Jan. 14	P. & O. S. N. Co.	Yokohama
Holyrood	5 h	Peters	Brit.	str.	333	Jan. 15	Siemssen & Co.	Malle
Kelmslow	2 h	.....	Brit.	str.	.....	.....	Kwok Acheong	K'loon Dock
Malacca	5 c	Smith	Brit.	str.	1104	Jan. 14	P. & O. S. N. Co.	Shanghai
Marcel	3 c	Broker	Brit.	str.	1080	Jan. 12	Siemssen & Co.	Sand's Slip
Marivels	3 h	Munoz	Span.	str.	369	Oct. 18	Remedios & Co.	.....
Mongolia	2 h	Coleman	Brit.	str.	1868	Jan. 15	P. & O. S. N. Co.	.....
Norna	2 h	Walker	Brit.	str.	613	Jan. 15	Kwok Acheong	.....
Panay	5 h	Goyenechea	Span.	str.	600	Oct. 30	Remedios & Co.	.....
Sea Gull	5 h	Roberts	Brit.	str.	48	Sept. 19	Insurance Company	.....
Sia Namzing	5 h	Drago	Brit.	str.	714	Dec. 21	Jardine, Matheson & Co.	Shanghai
Singapore	5 h	Kong	Brit.	str.	468	Jan. 12	Douglas LaPraik & Co.	Coast Ports
Waikiki	5 h	Hunter	Brit.	str.	285	Jan. 14	Landstein & Co.	Haiphong & Hanol
Yess	5 h	Ashton	Brit.	str.	559	Nov. 22	Douglas LaPraik & Co.	Coast Ports

<b>Sailing Vessels.</b>									
Ada Wiswell	2 k	Wiswell	Amer. 3m. so.	558	Nov. 28	Captain			
Adelina & Marianne	3 c	Dahl	Ger. bge.	300	Jan. 7	Wm. Pustau & Co.			
Alden Bess	2 c	Noyes	Amer. bge.	842	Dec. 27	Rozario & Co.			
Alexandra	3 c	Elliott	Brit. bge.	407	Nov. 26	Douglas LaPraik & Co.			
Alphington	3 c	Cunningham	Brit. bge.	326	Sept. 6	Wieler & Co.			
Amie Florence	3 c	Johnson	Brit. bge.	667	Dec. 8	Borneo Co., Limited			
Angeles	2 c	Barbeyron	Fch. bge.	891	Nov. 14	Carlowitz & Co.			
Anna	8 h	Jessen	Ger. bge.	447	Jan. 7	Edvard Schellhaus & Co.			
Annie Lowray	4 c	Gales	Brit. bge.	752	Jan. 8	Chinese			
Annie M. Small	2 c	Pecker	Amer. sh.	1053	Dec. 4	Russell & Co.			
Annie S. Hall	4 k	Nelson	Amer. bkline.	455	Dec. 10	Vogel, Hagedorn & Co.			
Aspens	7 k	Wandel	Dan. bge.	265	Dec. 4	Edvard Schellhaus & Co.			
B. F. Watson	3 k	Hawkins	Amer. bge.	993	Nov. 25	Vogel, Hagedorn & Co.			
Basthoven	3 k	Reynolds	Ger. bge.	840	Nov. 25	Melchers & Co.			
Birkor	3 k	Hudleston	Brit. sh.	1008	Dec. 17	Order			
Bisham	4 c	Hudleston	Brit. sh.	394	Dec. 17	Russell & Co.			
Broomhall	.....	Bate	Brit. sh.	1379	Oct. 26	Meyer & Co.			
Carl Ritter	7 h	Lausen	Ger. bge.	696	Jan. 5	Siemssen & Co.			
Ceres	4 c	Specht	Ger. bge.	420	Jan. 5	Wm. Pustau & Co.			
Charlotte Andrews	8 c	Beattie	Brit. bge.	853	Nov. 30	Rozario & Co.			
Charter Oak	3 c	Staples	Amer. sh.	963	Oct. 24	Vogel, Hagedorn & Co.			
Chumnum	3 h	Shrowsbury	Brit. sh.	1834	Sept. 25	Vogel, Hagedorn & Co.			
City of Halifax	3 c	Evans	Brit. sh.	860	Dec. 24	Meyer & Co.			
Clare	8 c	Chalmers	Brit. sh.	938	Nov. 7	Arnhold, Karberg & Co.			
Coraan	8 h	Vincent	Amer. coh.	150	Sept. 25	Insurance Co.			
Dauphin	3 c	Lehoumals	Fch. bge.	818	Jan. 7	Edvard Schellhaus & Co.			
E. von Beaulieu	3 c	Schneider	Ger. bge.	336	Jan. 6	Edvard Schellhaus & Co.			
Echo	3 c	Tozer	Brit. bge.	369	Dec. 3	Arnhold, Karberg & Co.			
Falcon	8 k	Barry	Brit. bge.	798	Dec. 23	Arnhold, Karberg & Co.			
Fanny	7 c	Degomson	Fch. bge.	313	Jan. 12	Carlowitz & Co.			
Faugh-a-Balagh	4 c	Riste	Ger. bge.	240	Jan. 13	Carlowitz & Co.			
Ferdinand	7 c	Westergaard	Ger. bge.	.....	Dec. 26	Arnhold, Karberg & Co.			
Flodden	3 h	Fraser	Brit. bge.	337	Nov. 26	Wieler & Co.			
Fortune	2 h	Peterson	Slam. bge.	449	Dec. 29	Tak Mee			
Georgina	4 k	Romney	Brit. bge.	315	Jan. 2	Wm. Pustau & Co.			
Glanconganhire	4 c	McEachern	Brit. bge.	456	Dec. 2	E. Kier & Co.			
Glenfrida	2 h	Lang	Brit. bge.	472	Dec. 22	Chinese			
Glory	2 h	Thompson	Slam. bge.	550	Nov. 14	Tak Mee			
Gloria Spur	4 c	Farrell	Brit. sh.	666	Dec. 22	Russell & Co.			
Great Admiral	3 c	Thompson	Amer. sh.	1676	Aug. 19	Meyer & Co.			
Halona	4 k	Volgardsen	Ger. bge.	672	Dec. 17	Wieler & Co.			
Harbert Black	3 c	Frank	Amer. bge.	720	Jan. 10	Meyer & Co.			
Hermann	4 c	Poss	Ger. bge.	463	Dec. 6	Wm. Pustau & Co.			
Humboldt	4 c	Stoll	Ger. bge.	630	Dec. 17	Edvard Schellhaus & Co.			
Ionian	3 c	Cavo	Brit. bge.	373	Nov. 24	Chinese			
Jalo	7 c	Moberg	Russ. sh.	1365	Dec. 20	Landstein & Co.			
Jessie Jamieson	8 c	West	Brit. bge.	504	Dec. 31	Douglas LaPraik & Co.			
Julia A. Brown	4 c	Nickerson	Amer. 3m. so.	542	Dec. 18	Butterfield & Swire			
Jurgen	4 c	Windt	Ger. bge.	268	Dec. 15	Siemssen & Co.			
Kaleja	3 k	Ross	Russ. bge.	690	Jan. 12	Order			
Kato Waters	4 c	Giese	Brit. bge.	580	Dec. 3	Rozario & Co.			
Mario Charlotte	4 c	Mehonaz	Fch. bge.	380	Jan. 5	Carlowitz & Co.			
Mario Louise	3 k	Guilboux	Fch. bge.	425	Nov. 25	Carlowitz & Co.			
Marion	4 k	Hoves	Amer. 3m. so.	266	Dec. 23	Vogel, Hagedorn & Co.			
May	4 c	Phimley	Brit. 3m. so.	237	Jan. 14	Olyphant & Co.			
May Queen	4 c	Prior	Brit. bge.	472	Dec. 3	Arnhold, Karberg & Co.			
Mignon	2 c	Soule	Amer. 3m. so.	494	Dec. 7	Captain			
Montara	2 c	Ravnhilde	Brit. coh.	74	Jan. 14	Order			
Morning Star	2 h	Michelsen	Slam. bge.	720	Jan. 10	Order			
Nagara	4 k	Wickhusen	Ger. bge.	620	Jan. 10	Melchers & Co.			
Norseman	1 k	Tark	Slam. sh.	711	Jan. 6	Chinese			
Northern Star	3 c	Wortley	Brit. bge.	327	Jan. 6	Wieler & Co.			
Oncida	2 c	Clyma	Brit. sh.	2394	Oct. 20	Vogel, Hagedorn & Co.			
Papa	7 c	Blnje	Ger. bge.	392	Jan. 15	Siemssen & Co.			
Peri	4 k	Lüthi	Ger. bge.	276	Dec. 17	Edvard Schellhaus & Co.			
Pheton	4 c	Scheel	Brit. bge.	576	Jan. 6	Wieler & Co.			
Quickstep	3 c	Barnaby	Amer. bge.	826	Jan. 4	Captain			
R. C. Rickmers	7 c	Stolt	Ger. sh.	1157	Dec. 28	Wm. Pustau & Co.			
Rapid	2 h	Hunte	Slam. bge.	429	Jan. 5	Tek-mee Hop-kee			
Rosa Boettcher	3 c	Schultz	Ger. bge.	898	Dec. 27	Wm. Pustau & Co.			
Samer	2 c	Millar	Amer. sh.	1056	Jan. 11	Captain			
Samos	5 k	Bryant	Amer. coh.	895	Nov. 8	Russell & Co.			
Sophie D.	5 k	Parazolo	Fch. bge.	788	Dec. 5	Landstein & Co.			
St. Adresse	4 c	Leroy	Fch. bge.	623	Nov. 22	Carlowitz & Co.			
Sto. Anne	8 k	Francois	Fch. bge.	326	Nov. 26	Carlowitz & Co.			
St. Idene	7 c	Durand	Fch. bge.	388	Jan. 4	Carlowitz & Co.			
Sully	3 c	Bara	Fch. bge.	387	Jan. 4	Carlowitz & Co.			
Sumatra	3 k	Clough	Amer. sh.	1090	Sept. 11	Melchers & Co.			
Tay	4 k	Katomena	Ger. bge.	556	Dec. 27	Chinese			
Tay Watt	2 h	Williams	Slam. bge.	654	Dec. 8	Captain			
Tauilla	.....	Loser	Ger. coh.	60	Jan. 8	Wm. Pustau & Co.			
Vega	3 c	Nordred	Norw. bge.	585	Jan. 12	Wm. Pustau & Co.			
Velocite	3 c	Martin	Brit. bge.	500	Jan. 12	Wm. Pustau & Co.			
Vesta	3 c	Dicks	Ger. bge.	302	Dec. 22	Melchers & Co.			
Vicount McDuff	4 k	Wright	Brit. 3m. so.	289	Nov. 11	Borneo Co., Limited			
W. E. Goldstone	5 k	Gallichan	Brit. bge.	634	Dec. 20	Wm. Pustau & Co.			
Warrior	3 c	Bannmann	Brit. bge.	919	Jan. 8	Wieler & Co.			
<b>WHARFOA</b>									
Amboto	.....	Brown	Brit. str.	873	Jan. 13	Meyer & Co.			
Andopos	.....	Wyeth	Brit. bge.	592	Dec. 20	Arnhold, Karberg & Co.			
Charles Mousseau	.....	Quatrecroche	Fch. bge.	852	Jan. 13	Landstein & Co.			
Christine	.....	Widdlang	Ger. bge.	541	Jan. 10	Chinese			
Formosa	.....	Schweert	Ger. 3m. so.	282	Jan. 14	Melchers & Co.			
G. H. Wuppens	.....	Diedrichsen	Ger. sh.	839	Dec. 27	Carlowitz & Co.			
Kronprinzessin	.....	Hansen	Dan. bge.	845	Dec. 24	Edvard Schellhaus & Co.			
<b>CANTON</b>									
Lee Yuen	.....	Gibbon	Chl. str.	734	Jan. 13	C. M. S. N. Co.			
Yang Tze	.....	Schulze	Brit. str.	785	Jan. 10	Siemssen & Co.			
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